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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING
12 COLLABORATIVE TO DEVELOP A REGULAR REPORT OF INFORMATION
13 REGARDING THE DELIVERY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW
14 MEXICO.

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16 WHEREAS, in 2002, the *Behavioral Health Needs and Gaps in*
17 *New Mexico* report found that the behavioral health system in
18 New Mexico was fragmented, serving only nineteen percent of
19 adults needing public sector mental health services; and

20 WHEREAS, this report also estimated that in 2002, over
21 four hundred thousand individuals, or twenty-two percent of the
22 state's population, had a mental health disorder or substance
23 abuse dependence; and

24 WHEREAS, this report indicated that funding for mental
25 health services in the state was inadequate to meet the

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1 behavioral health needs of its residents; and

2 WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, House Bill 271 was
3 introduced and passed during the 2004 legislative session to
4 create the interagency behavioral health purchasing
5 collaborative, and this bill was signed by the governor on May
6 19, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, the purpose of the interagency behavioral health
8 purchasing collaborative is to develop a statewide system of
9 behavioral health care that promotes behavioral health and
10 well-being of children, individuals and families; to encourage
11 a seamless system of care that is accessible and continuously
12 available; and to emphasize prevention, early intervention,
13 resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation; and

14 WHEREAS, numerous audits and independent assessments have
15 been conducted since the implementation of the interagency
16 behavioral health purchasing collaborative by the legislative
17 finance committee, the Lewin group, the New Mexico medical
18 review association and Kinney associates that continue to find
19 gaps in service delivery and fragmentation of behavioral health
20 services in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, according to a report by the Kaiser family
22 foundation state health facts, New Mexico ranked last in the
23 nation in per capita expenditures for mental health services in
24 2005; and

25 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2008, more than four hundred

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1 million dollars (\$400,000,000) in mental health and substance
2 abuse funds were managed by the single, statewide managed care
3 entity; and

4 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2007, an estimated seventy-one
5 thousand five hundred thirty-one unduplicated consumers were
6 served; and

7 WHEREAS, the interim legislative health and human services
8 committee has heard testimony from behavioral health providers,
9 consumers, family members and advocates, who have raised
10 concerns about the lack of funding and the continued lack of
11 adequate access to behavioral services in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the legislature that more
13 people in need of behavioral health and substance abuse
14 services receive those needed services, and that the delivery
15 of those services be continually improved;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency behavioral health
18 purchasing collaborative be requested to develop and present a
19 regular report of information regarding the delivery of
20 behavioral health services in New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interagency behavioral
22 health collaborative consult with service providers, care
23 recipients and families of recipients in the creation of this
24 report; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report contain

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1 information regarding the number of people receiving services,
2 the number and type of service requests that are denied, an
3 estimate of the number of people with unmet needs, the
4 timeliness of payments to providers, a breakdown of how the
5 appropriated dollars are divided among the seventeen state
6 agencies who are members of the collaborative, comparisons to
7 prior years' experiences and projections for future years; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report be presented to
9 the interim legislative health and human services committee at
10 least twice during each interim on an ongoing basis; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the director of the interagency behavioral
13 health purchasing collaborative and to each of the member
14 agencies represented on the interagency behavioral health
15 purchasing collaborative.

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